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GOD AND THE GLORY

Mrs. Clara Belle Cochran

The glory all belongs to God;
  In Him we live and move,
And every good and perfect gift
  Comes down from heaven above.
Then why should any mortal boast
  And why should men be proud,
When all the blessings we receive
  God's goodness has allowed.

Some men paint shining halos round
  The glory of their names,
When they arise to higher powers
  And do great deeds of fame.
The glory of their names and deeds
  Will crumble and decay;
God's name in endless glory shines
  Unto the perfect day.

If men would just remember God
  In all their work and ways,
And render glory unto Him
  Who giveth all our days,
The pure white dove of peace would then
  Each nation's flag adorn,
And mothers' sons no more through war
  From mothers' hearts be torn.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20

I TIM. 3:15

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Matt. 6:13b.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

The Lord to completely heal me of something like a stroke on my left side, D.V.; God to undertake for my sons. —Mrs. Mollie Wilson, 4569 E. 6th St., Los Angeles 22, Calif.

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The Lord to heal me of a cough. Encouragement appreciated. — Maggie Cameron, Tannery, Ky.

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God to undertake for a neighbor.—Mrs. Estelle Lancaster, Rt. 3, Cumming, Ga.

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My sister-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Rt. 2, Ochlochnee, Ga., to be healed of cancer.—Mrs. R. Bloodworth, Rt. 1, Ochlochnee, Ga.

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Me to be healed of gall bladder and sinus troubles, a deep cough and rheumatism.—Sister Celia Slagel, Unicoi, Tenn.

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The Lord to heal my body, it is a trouble that God understands. I am so weak in body I am hardly able to preach.—Mrs. Lonnie Wiggins (formerly Evan. Clara Cross), Iron City, Ga.

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My mother to be completely healed; my brother in Service.—Mary H. Porter, Grassy, W. Va.

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The Lord to completely heal my back and side.—Mrs. Carl Kinnard, Rt. 2, Paint Lick, Ky.

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My daughter.—Minnie Adams, Nettleton, Ark.

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My complete healing; my baby to be healed.—Mrs. R. A. White, Donalsonville, Ga.

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The healing of my wife's body.—W. E. Briggs, Rt. 2, Box 85, Keysville, Va.

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My body to be healed of gall bladder trouble and nervousness.—A sister, Pontiac, Mich.

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The healing of my nephew, Romace Rowland, who has ulcerated stomach. —Mrs. E. M. Haynes, 720 N. 62d St., E. St. Louis, Ill.

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Brother T. C. Thornton to be healed; my brother-in-law in Service.—Mrs. Audrey Stephens, Rt. 3, Box 198-A, Oak Grove, La.

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The healing of our boy who got struck by a truck and is now in the Mobile Infirmary in bad shape.—J. W. King, Rt. 1, Lucedale, Miss.

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Me to be healed of a skin disease; my mother to be saved and healed. —W. B. Mayberry, 300 Withers St., Lynchburg, Va.

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Our son in the Army who was in the Hawaiian Islands when last we heard from him.—Mrs. J. C. Atkins, Rt. 3, Brownfied, Tex.

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OLD-TIME REVIVAL ON IN GEORGIA

Letter received from General Overseer, February 21:

"Your letter concerning the revivals in your territory is, indeed, encouraging.

"I am thrilled and very happy that God is hearing and answering prayer and granting these revivals. May the fire spread throughout all the State and in all the other states and throughout all the world. God grant it in Jesus' name, we pray!"

LAVONIA, G. S. Scott: "For the last three weeks the home preacher and Brother Hannah preached. Fifteen were saved, fifteen sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost."

ALBANY, J. L. Ball: "We are having a good revival, people praying through most every service, received six into the church; more to come. There is an undercurrent of the Spirit drawing the people."

WARNER ROBINS, W. M. Thompson: "We closed our revival Sunday night. Five saved and two added to the church. Sister Brown did some real good preaching."

THOMASTON, W. H. Gann: "There were forty-three saved, twenty-five sanctified, twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church."

FITZGERALD, W. H. Swift: "Twelve saved, fifteen in the altar Sunday night."

M. B. NORRIS: Telephone call—"Brother Hubbard is ready to organize a church and start a concrete block building in Lyons. Sister Ruth Saltar began in Vidalia Saturday night."

VALDOSTA, Hoyt Odom: "Seventeen in altar last night, nine saved. Looks like another good start."

HEMPHILL AVENUE, ATLANTA, A. M. Phillips: "We are just closing a revival with Rev. John L. Stephens preaching. We have had good success from the beginning. Interest has been fine in the altar services and there will be numbers to unite with the church this coming Sunday."

BACHLOTT, W. H. Walden: "Eight

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From Whence Come Wars?

By James L. Slay, Jr.

Since time immemorial the sod has been soaked with the blood of those engaged in war. It is not possible to estimate, even approximately, the cost of war. No one, save God, knows of the lives and money expended in the prosecution of these nefarious struggles. Should it be possible to estimate the number killed and cost of killing them, 'twould yet be impossible to know, even partially, of the suffering, privation, destruction and horror entailed. We can safely say, however, that all the wars of the past pale into insignificance when compared with this present conflict.

The first war was on a very small scale. Only two men had been born and they were brothers, yet here present was the material to start a war. Two things are necessary in the process of starting a war. First there must be someone to fight and then something about which to fight. The method of fighting originally was not so important and only as man became more civilized did he become really efficient in the art of extermination. Cain and Abel, in staging the first war, set a standard for all others that have followed.

We are told in James 4:1 that wars come from lusts that war in our members. In the case of Cain and Abel, we find that a jealous spirit had so possessed Cain that he must of necessity destroy the one who had excelled him in obtaining divine favor. Thus, this lust, after first overcoming Cain, made him to overcome Abel. All wars are first fought in the minds of their perpetrators and when the mind is at last won over by the lustful desire, then the actual war is prosecuted.

You have, no doubt, heard the old adage, "For want of a nail a shoe was lost, for want of a shoe a horse was lost, for want of a horse a rider was lost, and for want of a rider a war was lost." Surely if a war can be lost by such an inconsequential thing, it could have been started in the same way. A close study of history will reveal the fact that some of the most deadly struggles of the past were caused by something trivial. Consider the Crusaders and their wasted lives and money all expended in the vain search for the Holy Grail and the idea that they must drive the heathen Saracen from Palestine.

Most wars of the past and present have been fought by common men, so that others could have the pleasure of ruling over vaster territories and greater populations. 'Tis a sad thing that those who start wars do not have to fight them. The suffering and horrors of wars are most generally felt by those who, for the most part, do not know what it is all about. We are not so much concerned in this article about political wars as we are about spiritual wars. The great war that is now rampant throughout the world is noticed by all, but while this one great conflict is going on there are a thousand petty strifes present all around us, and the huge affair is just the culmination of a multitude of petty bickerings. There are wars in the home, wars in the church, and wars among personalities.

"Why," you ask, "do we have these battles?" Simply because nearly all of us want to have our way. 'Tis the same old story of "The Haves and the Have Nots." One is enjoying the blessing and the other, not willing to obtain the same blessing, starts out to kill the one who has more of the Lord. This causes war in the church. There is nothing so deadly as religious jealousy. The first strife recorded was of this nature. The most horrible scourgings in all history were those received by the saints in early Christendom and later on by the pious Protestants during the Spanish Inquisition. Then, too, in modern times we have some of the most vicious things said of those who have tried to emulate Christ and really be New Testament Christians.

There can never be much of a war waged unless there are present two belligerents. Many wars would die a natural death were it not for the fact that the oppressed is as anxious for a tussel as is the oppressor. Never fear of being exterminated, if you are in the right. Right does not have to have a champion other than one that is submissive. Surely, Abel was slain by Cain, but Abel will longer live in the hearts of all posterity than will his murderous brother. Remember our Lord's admonition, "If he smite thee on the one cheek, turn the other also." This may not work in the world of politics, but it will surely accomplish wonders in the realm of Christian living.

Someone has said, "A good offense is the best defence." Surely this has no reference to things spiritual. Who is it that fights our battles? Is He not the God of battles? We are not children of wrath, but of peace. They that fight continuously should take heed lest they be consumed of themselves. The world may need a war every generation to keep from becoming overpopulated, but surely the Church of God has never been too congested.

It will do us well to learn a lesson from the world and profit by her mistakes. No war has ever settled any strife. The only thing that will settle difficulties is reason, and reason goes about not clad in the dress of battle, but sits enshrined in the minds of the sane.

Men have planned and devised innumerable ways to insure peace among men. Yet, in this, the most enlightened of all ages, we have had to fight two titantic conflicts in two generations. Surely wars come from "fleshly lusts that war against the soul." May God help us, who are of Christ, to live yielded lives to Him and be at peace one with the other in the midst of this troubled world.

District Convention

Meadville, Miss., district convention will convene March 17-19 at Byrd Chapel church. C. W. Kendall, district pastor.

Religion and the World

BY THE EDITOR

Religion Among German Soldiers

A report coming out of Stockholm states that "religion is making headway among German front line soldiers," despite its suppression by the Nazis.

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Quisling Continues Arrests

Quisling's Gestapo has arrested two more bishops in Norway and also two more clergymen have been arrested. At the same time Norwegian churches have been forbidden to publish Easter messages. The claim is that the paper situation is "difficult."

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China's Needs

Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, Angelical Bishop of Yunnan-Kweichow, China, said, "We don't want experts in China." He said, "'Foreign mission enterprise' must provide more 'consecrated preachers and pastors.' Experts in religion have about emptied the churches of our nation. Only consecrated shepherds will carry the lambs in their bosoms and the lost sheep upon their shoulders."

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The Urgency of Chaplains

There is a very great need for many more chaplains in the Army and Navy; but how are we to account for this urgency? Is it because the men these chaplains represent may soon be called to face God? If this is the reason, then there exists an equally grave situation within our citizenry, as it is quite certain all these will likewise have to meet the judgments of God.

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The Bible

Hon. H. G. T. Perry has proposed an amendment to the Public Schools Acts in British Columbia, in favor of Bible reading in the schools, of selected passages. It is expected that the bill will cause much controversy before passage, if it is passed at all. This is, however, of great interest, while 50,000 Cleveland, Ohio, residents are engaged in a Bible reading crusade which will continue some days yet, and which is one of the most successful conducted in large cities.

New Broadcast for Religious Programs

A new network for radio broadcasting of religious programs is being developed by the Associated Broadcasting Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., to care for the demands of religious broadcasting which has been done for many years over other networks. Uncertainties of these networks, Mr. Clayton Kunning, general manager, stated, is the cause for the new association organized last January. A number of prominent persons and programs are now being arranged.

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Bleating Sheep

The bleating of the sheep in Saul's day was the sign of disobedience and disloyalty on the part of Saul as a ruler. These sheep were those brought back from the land of the enemy; they were under sentence to have been destroyed, and since they were not they lived to testify against their leader who had not kept the commandment of the Lord. The things we should do, and the things we know we should do but leave undone, are those things which will live to accuse us before God, and over which our conscience will be troubled later in life.

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Ancient Jewish Tribe Discovered

JERUSALEM, (ZOA)—A Jewish officer who saw fighting throughout the African campaign, upon his return to Palestine, described a visit he paid to an ancient Jewish tribe living in caves in the Libyan desert. He reported that their synagogue is built under a rock several feet below the ground. These tribesmen maintain that they are the descendants of the Jews whom Titus sold as slaves to the Berbes. They were liberated from slavery only a century ago. They were delighted with the visit of the Jewish officer and many members of the tribe embraced him and cried for joy.

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Church Gains

Pathfinder reports that, "The most significant growth in church membership in the United States is shown by fifty of the larger religious bodies with over 50,000 members, the Federal Council of Churches found in a survey. Results were announced by Dr. Benson Y. Landis of the Council's Department of Research and Education.

"Some 256 religious bodies in 1941-42 reported memberships totaling over sixty-eight and a half million people. Membership gains for forty-three Protestant bodies with more than 50,000 members were 23.8 per cent as compared with 23.3 per cent for the Roman Catholic Church. Of the Protestant denominations, religious groups under the 'Church of God' increased 197.9 per cent; 'Evangelistic Associations' increased 87.3 per cent.

"The Latter-Day Saints increased 53.5 per cent; Mennonites, 66.5 per cent; Adventists, 52.4 per cent; Baptists, 35.1 per cent; Lutherans, 26.6 per cent; Roman Catholic, 23.3 per cent; Church of Christ Scientist and the Jewish congregations for the ten-year-period from 1926-36 showed gains of 33 per cent and 13.7 per cent respectively. Methodists gained 19 per cent and Presbyterians, 8.8 per cent during the past fifteen years."

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Only One Jew Left Alive by the Germans in Kiev

LONDON, (JTA)—The Moscow radio reported that the Germans left only one Jew alive in Kiev, which had a Jewish population of 140,000 before the outbreak of the war.

When Red Army troops reoccupied Kiev they discovered only one Jew in the city, the broadcast said. The lone survivor said that more than 40,000 were massacred by the German troops soon after their occupation of the city in 1941. Those massacred were mostly women and children and aged, since all able-bodied men and many young Jewish women retreated with the Russian armies.

The Jew took Russian military officials to the places where the Nazis mowed down the 40,000 with machine-guns and threw them into ditches, which served as collective graves. These graves will now be opened in order that experts of the special Soviet committee to register German atrocities against the civilian population may be able to establish the guilt of the Germans.—*California Jewish Voice.*

The Bishop

BY E. C. CLARK, Editor

The New Testament was written in the Greek language; it nevertheless embodied Jewish characteristics in a very great sense. This, however, was practical in that there was an overlapping of the Jewish dispensation, which was closing, followed by the dispensation of grace, which opened with the origin of the Church.

"Elder," as we have pointed out, was a transferred Jewish name for a New Testament minister, regardless of his duties or ministry. The Greek word "episcopos" referred to the office of one who was an overseer. Literally, it means an inspector, an overseer. It designates that the oversight is given to a certain minister. The work, therefore, of the bishop has to do with the quality of the work done by others. Because this is true, the bishop must be "blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children under subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the house of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil," 1 Tim. 3:2-7. Here is beautiful order. It needs no comment. It needs only to be studied again and again by those who are distinguished as bishops.

As the churches increased in number, and as these also increased in size of membership, there was, of necessity, a demand for more ministers to oversee. It is logical, therefore, to conclude that because of this necessity, the use of the word "elder" naturally enough gave way to the use of the word "bishop" or overseer. It was during the years A. D. 41 and 42 that New Testament elders were first mentioned in Acts 11:30. Those elders referred to in Acts 14:23 and in Acts 15:2 were mentioned as early as A. D. 46; with those of Acts 20:17 in the year A. D. 59. A continued use, however, followed of the word "elder," as is pointed out in 1 Peter 5:2, in A. D. 60; James 5:14; 1 Tim. 5:17; also Titus 1:5, in A. D. 65. While on the other hand, the word and the office of "bishop" was mentioned in Acts 1:20; 1 Tim. 3:1, and Titus 1:7; in the year A. D. 65 also; which had all the while been referred to in connection with the word "elder" and his work.

The elder was specifically commanded to take the "oversight" of the flock (1 Pet. 5:2). The word "oversight" is a noun (Greek, *episkopountes*) which is derived from the Greek *epi-skopos*; *epi* meaning upon or over, and *skopos* meaning to spy,

to peer, to look into the distance; but, literally, (1) an observer, a watchman, (2) the distant mark looked at, the goal or end one has in view. Consequently, the elder was charged with the duties of the bishop or overseer, and because of this responsibility the name, with the increase of his function and prominence, was changed to that of the bishop or overseer. Therefore, the elders were in each instance literally the bishops (Greek, *episkopoi*). See 1 Peter 5:2; Neh. 11:9, 14, 22; 2 Kings 11:15; Acts 20:28; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:7; see also *Dictionary of Christian Antiquities*, relative to the bishop.

It is quite certain, therefore, that the elder, who doing the work of the bishop or overseer, though preceding the title of bishop, could be none other than one and the selfsame person. Jerome, writing on Titus 1:5, says, "They did not differ at all from the bishops (Greek, *episkopoi*) or overseers. Lightfoot, writing on Phil. 1:1, stated that "it is evident from the fact that the two words are used indiscriminately, Acts 20:17-28; Titus 1:5, 7, that the duty of presbyters is described by the terms 'to overseer' (Greek, episkopein), 1 Peter 5:1." Lightfoot says, "The title 'bishop' (Greek, *episkopos*) denotes the function; 'elder' (Greek, *presbuteron*), the dignity. The former was borrowed from the Greek institutions; the latter from the Jewish." The opinion that the name bishop, or overseer, was a name applying to the function of the offices and work of the elder, is not only borne out in 1 Tim. 3:1 and Titus 1:7, but is substantially strengthened in Paul's letter to the Philippian church, where he mentions the "bishop" and deacons, but makes no mention of the elder. It would seem, therefore, in the light of these, that the title of "elder" gave way in practice and usage to the more modern Greek word "episcopos," or overseer. I, therefore, conclude that the title of "bishop" applies to the office and work of the overseer, and that he is the successor in function to the elder.

ORDAINMENT

While it is stated that elders mentioned in Acts 14:23, also in Titus 1:5, were ordained, nothing is said about the ordainment of elders mentioned in Acts 11:30 or in Acts 15:2, which were, no doubt, the same body of elders. When and how the latter were ordained, if at all, nothing is available to guide us in our opinion.

The twelve, however, were ordained by our Lord. Mark 3:14; John 15:16. The word "ordain," in John 15:16, is taken from the Greek word *"ethaka,"* which is primarily from "Tithemi," meaning to set, constitute, appoint. While the word used in Mark 3:14 comes from "epoisen," but primarily from "poieo," which means to make, constitute, appoint to some office. The meanings here are in practical accord, and no one would question the authority of our Lord to do this. The twelve derived the authority for their ministry and any offices held by them, directly from our Lord, who

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The Spirit of Antichrist

By JAMES O. CAMPBELL

Dare we venture a series of messages on a prophetic subject when our brethren in the ministry are so far ahead of us on such a subject. We plan to give our views on this subject. We do not pretend to be dogmatic, and the views of our brethren are held in high esteem.

To acquaint ourselves with the thought, let us turn to Genesis 3. There we have the story of the fall of man and the God-given atonement. Let us note the fact that the life of an animal was taken so that man might have life. Blood was shed to make an atonement for his guilt. The skin of the blood sacrifice was given for man's covering. His fig-leaf covering could not satisfy a holy God. In this story we have the wonderful doctrine of substitution.

For another illustration let us go to Genesis 4. Here we have the story of Cain and Abel. There came a day of sacrifice in the lives of these first two boys. The story goes that Abel's offering was accepted, while Cain's was rejected. But why so? they both had an offering; they both had brought a hard-labored offering. The answer is that Abel's offering typified the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world, while Cain's represented man's own righteousness. There are many people just like Cain today. They try to offer their works instead of accepting God's plain way of salvation.

Now we go to Genesis 10 and we see our point a little broader. Here we have a fellow by the name of Nimrod, "the mighty hunter." He succeeded in getting the people started on a building program. Such a program was contrary to the mind of God, because it was a program of self-righteousness. "Go to now, let US build a tower, and let US MAKE US A NAME." Dear reader, I want you to see the subtility of this selfish program. "Our city is a great one, and our tower reaches to heaven." What, in reality, were these folks trying to do? That's simple. They were trying to get to heaven some other way instead of going God's way. Millions are trying the same thing today. We want you to note the fact as we pass along, that Mr. Nimrod established the first false religious system of which we have record. The sad fate of this story is that these self-willed people were brought to confusion. Babel, or Babylon, means confusion. We will see at a later date that the spirit of Babylon rightly belongs to the spirit of the antichrist.

Part Two

1 John 4:1-3, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

There are scores of people throughout the world who deny the virgin birth of our Lord. The following statement has already appeared in these pages under the heading of "The Belief of Seven Hundred Ministers": "Northwestern University took census of the belief of 1,300 ministers and five seminaries, asking the following questions: 1. Do you believe in the virgin birth of Christ? Nineteen per cent of the ministers and forty-one per cent of the students said, 'No.' 2. Do you believe it was necessary for the Son of God to die on the cross for the remission of sin? Twenty-six per cent of the ministers and sixty per cent of the student body gave a negative reply. 3. Do you believe in the resurrection of the body? Thirty-three per cent of the ministers and sixty-nine per cent of the student body replied that they did not. 4. Do you believe in the visible second coming of Christ and His millennial reign? Forty-nine per cent of the ministers and seventy-five per cent of the students denied both."

It matters not who it is that denies these fundamental teachings of God's Word, they are of that spirit of antichrist "which is already in the world."

1 John 2:18, "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." John acknowledged that the spirit of antichrist was already in the world and that there were many antichrists, in his epistles, and we have already observed that the spirit of antichrist has been in the world since the fall of man. Since this is true, it is also true that his spirit is working in a broader measure than ever before.

Verse 22, "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ: He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." This verse tells us that those people who preach that Jesus was a good man and a great teacher but had no deity, are liars. Also those who deny both the Father and the Son are against Christ.

2 John 7, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." The Sword of the Spirit goes deep in John's epistles, and tells us that those who are in league with the spirit of antichrist are liars and deceivers. We shall give you their pictures in our next writing.

Part Three

2 Tim. 4:3, 4, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they

shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Many precious souls have fulfilled this passage of scripture. How my heart goes out for those who have followed the teachings of the Bible until they have been turned away from the truth by some false preacher. Then there are those who have failed to believe the teachings of God's Word at all. They are the type who "heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears." Yes, they prefer to listen to a preacher who denies the fundamental teachings of the Bible, to a true preacher. When people refuse to believe the truth, there is nothing left for them to do but to "believe a lie and be damned."

Peter's Portraits of False Prophets

2 Peter 2:1, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you." Here Peter is giving us a comparison of the false prophets that had been among the Jews. He is also giving a picture that there would be false prophets among the people of the world today. "Who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them." Here is a picture of what we have already observed from John's epistle—preachers who deny the deity of our Lord. Peter says here that they shall privately bring in damnable heresies, denying the Lord. "And bring upon themselves swift destruction." Yes, "Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming," Isa. 14:9.

Verse 3, "And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." Verse 18 says, "They speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh." "Whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." Yes, these prophets have "spread themselves like a green bay tree," but they will meet their end eventually.

Verse 10, "But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government." As we have already pointed out in a previous article, those who "walk after the flesh" are liable to meet with confusion. Peter here states that they "despise government." Yes, there is a class of "free thinkers" in the world, who believe what they please, regardless of what the Bible teaches. "Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." When people follow the lust of the flesh it becomes easy for them to speak evil of the preachers of the true gospel.

Part Four

Verse 12, "But these, as natural brute beasts, . . . speak evil of the things that they understand not." Yes, there are scores of them, who speak evil of the doctrine of Pentecost, telling what they heard or making light of the things which they do not understand. But the Bible says here that they "shall utterly perish in their own corruption; and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness."

Verse 13, "Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you." Peter states further, "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest." Jude says they are "trees whose fruit withereth, . . . twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever."

Verse 14, "Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices." Verse 15, "Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam."

Let us dwell a moment on the thought of Babylon, the city of confusion, connecting it with the spirit of antichrist. We learned in a previous article that Babylon stands for that spirit that is against God. So it is with the spirit of antichrist. The word "antichrist" means against Christ. Babylon arose to fame and fell while in her drunken revelry one night. But there is a big hint in the Scriptures that she will arise and have her second fall. It is my opinion that Babylon restored will be the commercial seat of the antichrist, while Jerusalem will be his religious seat. Throughout the Bible the spirit of Babylon and the spirit of the antichrist are very closely connected. On your map you will find the City of Babylon in Mesopotamia, between the river Euphrates and the Tigris River. This city is also called "The Land of Sinair." Mystria Babylon will become "the mother of harlots" during the great tribulation.

Since the time of NRA up until the present time our nation has been gradually led up to our present ration program. I believe we will be led step by step until we are educated into receiving the mark of the beast. In my opinion, the war will be won by the Allied nations. To be more specific, this war will probably end with a "league of nations." Soon after the war is over I believe the man of sin, as Paul calls him, will take his seat. Daniel said, "He shall obtain his kingdom by flattery" or by subtility. He will make a covenant with the Jew for a week (seven years) and will break it in the midst of the week. You say, "How will the world at large be so eager to receive the program of the antichrist?" We just as well look for a world-wide famine after this war. The antichrist will be the man of the hour because he will have the wisdom that it takes to make all men equal, or will appear to. His covenant with the Jew will affect the entire world, because what concerns him concerns the whole world. You ask, "Why?" Because the Jew rules all the powers of commerce. God forbid that any of my readers will ever be in league with the spirit of antichrist.

A PRAYER AND A LETTER

(After you have read this you can pray for this man and many more like him. I am sure he will receive letters also.)

Out here, we live on and for our letters—it is our only contact with the world we love. We have friends and loved ones who write, but we are thinking of a certain fellow aboard our ship who gets no letters—each day he waits patiently but none come. We are even ashamed to read our letters in front of him, although he tries his best to hide the embarrassment he naturally feels. He has received only one letter in the past year and this has made us feel very sorry for him. He is twenty-two years old and an orphan since the age of five. How he became an orphan he has never related and it would hurt him to ask about it.

He is from Georgia, single, and worked most of his life in Atlanta. For this reason we lay this problem on the shoulders of Georgians. We are writing to you to write to him. We know how generous and sympathetic southerners are; and also the friendliness of Georgians, mainly from our association with him. So please write, all of you who wish to—and make his life a little happier out here.

To those (many, we hope) who are interested, his name is S 1|c Earl A. Grover, Jr., his address is U.S.S.L.C.I. (L) 433, care Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

Foreign Missions

This page edited by Rev. M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

We, the Clifton, Jam., B.W.I., members, hereby extend a hearty congratulation to our General Overseer and bishops of the Mission Board for the sweet love and tenderness paid to us in Jamaica.

Dear sirs, we have to confess the glorious work that has been done here for the welfare of our souls.

First, you sent us a sweet man of God in the person of Bishop J. B. Camp, and family, who labored faithfully among us for two years. May God bless his sweet and smiling countenance, also his loving family.

Second, through Bishop Camp we have been rescued from a small hut on 3 White Hall Lane to a large structure—the Rosedale church—one that we could never have built, no never. Thank God for the church.

Third, on the 20th of June, 1943, we received our present overseer in the person of Bishop F. J. Thibodeau and wife. Thank God for the privilege of saying we have a pair of live-wire workers. I would like our Headquarters to know that we have a man on whom we can depend, one who is a hard worker, loving, smiling, tender and kind, a real inspired preacher. At almost every church on the island that he and his wife have visited they have left a revival. Their very countenances make our churches happy. Pray for our overseer and wife. We are working with them for the success of the church. This is the Church of God.

May the blessings of God be upon our Headquarters and the general Church. Amen.—Elder W. F. Evering, assistant overseer, 3 Charlton Road, Constant Spring P. O., Clifton, Jam., B. W. I.

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Expecting Others To Be Saved

To the Evangel readers everywhere, greetings. I praise God this morning, the 24th of December, which we call Christmas Eve, and I can report a Christmas joy in my soul for this new and living way that Jesus brought to earth when He was born in the city of David. It was joy to all who received Him and it is more joy to those who have Him. I can tell of His wonderful love to me in the past. He has held me in the hollow of His hand through many dark days and trouble among false friends. He is the only One to comfort me. Bless His name.

We are still holding the work here in Turks Island and are expecting to win more souls for God in the coming year, D. V., by the help of God. Thanks to the kind friends in the United States of America who caused me and others to find Jesus, that we can now raise a good standard in these islands for the Church of God. I ask a special prayer for our Sister Harrison, for God to lengthen her days for the sake of us and others and for the soldiers who are fighting for our liberty and freedom. May God bless every one of His ministers, especially those of the household of faith. Pray for us in these islands to be overcomers, that we will have the welcome cry when Jesus makes the shout in mid-air.—A. W. Rigby, assistant overseer, Turks Island, B.W.I.

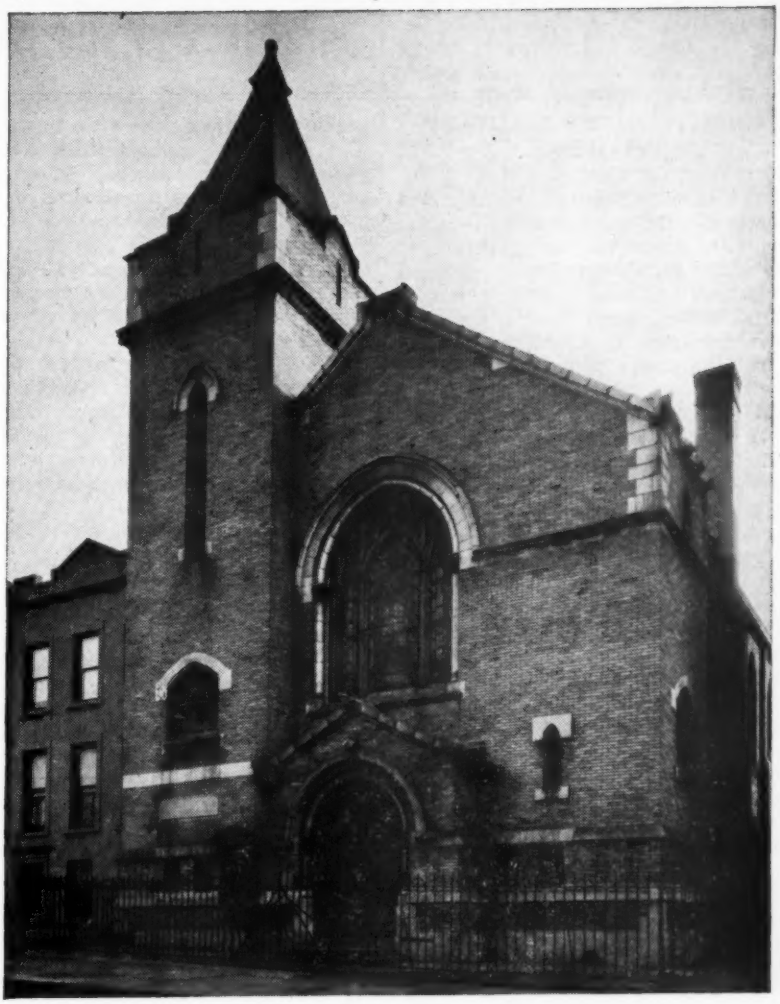
REVIVAL "SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC"

The above picture is of a revival which was being held somewhere in the Southwest Pacific Area, which came to us through Brother John Dozier, who is a member of the Church of God at Eudora, Arkansas.

Others in the picture whose names we have been able to get are Joseph L. McNatt, from Florida; Brother Medley, from Ontario, California; and Brother Arthur Sabin, from Gilroy, California. Apparently, all of these are Pentecostal brothers.

This brother writes that when the war is over he hopes to do mission work. If we keep the revival fire burning here at home and keep praying for the boys over there, no doubt many who went away unsaved will be Christians when they return, and many who have seen the great need in other countries will wish to return to those countries with the gospel message. The numbers on some of their heads, which will probably show as large black spots, are for identification. All those with a little black spot on their heads have received definite Christian experiences.—M. P. Cross, Executive Mission Secretary.

Beautiful Church Purchased in Brooklyn, N. Y.



These pictures show both the exterior and interior of the nice new church we have purchased in Brooklyn, New York, at 541 East 13th Street, just two blocks off Flatbush, the main street leading through Brooklyn. It is located in the section of the city where the apartment houses are side by side, four stories high, and it is estimated that there are one thousand persons to the square block.

The church was a German Methodist church, and the lot on which the building stands cost $11,000 when purchased. The walls of the building are of solid brick; and if the materials were available, would likely cost $75,000 to build. The organ (on the pipe organ style) cost $2,500. The church has two good pianos, one in the Sunday School hall, which is just beneath the main auditorium, seated with folding chairs. The main auditorium seats about 350 people. The solid oak pews are beautifully designed with a pulpit set to match. The large windows with life-sized pictures of Christ cost over $500 each.

The building is equipped with a good modern steam heating plant. We know that you will rejoice with us to know that we have this nice church, which we hope will be a soul-saving station to the many hundreds and—may I say—thousands that pass that way. The church, being sold through the courts, was obtained at a reasonable figure. Our people in this vicinity are delighted with their new church home. They now have a membership of at least fifty-six, and the tithes are more than $100 a month already. Brother Carl C. Cox is the present pastor, and Brother J. B. Camp is the state overseer of New York. Recently I enjoyed a wonderful service with them in this new building. Sister Mary Kimmer is now conducting a revival there. Pray that God will save many souls.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

B. T. S. and College News

CHRISTIANITY'S SALUTARY INFLUENCE

By LAVERN BORTON

The best civilization goes with the Bible, and the more heartily it is accepted, the more salutary its influence. Nations have become civilized through the power of the gospel. Great reformations have often been brought about by Christianity. Cannibalism, slavery, polygamy, and other evil practices are put to flight as the indulgers have come in contact with true Christianity. Just a form of religion has little or no beneficial effect upon these satanic devices.

It has truly been said that religion and education go hand in hand. Christianity not only fosters education for the privileged classes, but also for the unfortunate classes of people. Most every denomination of any size sponsors or supports one or more schools or colleges. Missionaries establish schools and hospitals as a part of their work among the heathen.

Rituals, formality, and modernism have done little or nothing toward the elevation of mankind. Practical religion has proven that there is love, mercy, purity, and salvation from sin.

Christianity's influence upon individuals is a very good proof that there is Higher Power or a Supreme Being. Many people have been changed for the better in every way by the experience of Christianity or salvation. They have been rescued from lives of uncertainty, shame, and disgrace, and have afterward lived happily and uprightly. Many great men who have tried all of their lives to do away with Christianity, have finally submitted to accepting salvation and have then become ministers of religious educators. It is said that Justin, the martyr, went from one human philosophy to another in search of truth, but found it only through an experience of Christ in his heart. John Bunyan, the author of "The Pilgrim's Progress," was a very wicked man before his conversion; he experienced God's saving grace, became a Christian, and later preached the gospel, for which he was imprisoned in Bedford jail. No other religion or philosophy has been known to give courage to the dying man or to instill within him that deep-settled peace which floods the souls of those who are born again. Infidelity and rationalism have never been known to completely change the course of a man's life from drunkenness and shame to sobriety and morality. Indeed, the influence of Christianity cannot be denied, whether we study history or current events. Its salutary influence is undeniable.

In addition to these cited examples, the book of our religion, the Bible, has had lasting effects upon human liberty, literature, art, and science. No other book has ever been written that could so adequately meet every need of humanity.

REVIVAL AT B. T. S.

Several weeks ago at a chapel service the student body was inspired by a dynamic message by Edgar Mastin. His topic was "Living for Others." The sermon was given in such sincerity and power that the entire school was stirred and brought to feel the need of a greater consecration of their lives to God. The revival spirit gripped the hearts of the student body and an almost continual prayer for souls to be saved and blessed began. The Spirit of the Lord took control in many classes throughout the day. A special service was held that evening and the Christians, both students and faculty, were burdened for the unsaved students. A weeping spirit prevailed, and many hearts formerly untouched were broken up and heeded the call of God that night. The altar was filled with seekers for various blessings.

Throughout the week the revival spirit continued with wonderful results. Everywhere students could be seen praying for one another—in the auditorium, classes, halls and dormitories. Services were held each night. They consisted not in the usual form of preaching and singing, but in the students informally making their desires known unto God and seeking after Him for them. It was not an uncommon sight to see the students shouting and praising God at the altar, down the aisles, on the rostrum, on their way to the dormitories and in them. It was inspiring to see the fruits of the students' love and unselfish interest in one another as many of them prayed far into the night for one another. At the end of the week, when many could testify to a new experience with God, we all realized the value of continual prayer and fasting. It was a wonderful sight to see many who had never known God, stand and testify to the blessings they had received the past week. We don't believe the revival has ended but that it has just begun in our hearts, and sincerely desire your prayers that we might press on to higher heights and deeper depths in Him.

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Message by Mexican Student

(In a chapel program conducted by the Spanish Classes, our Mexican sister, Guadalupe Bonilla Pane, brought the following message, interpreted by Brother Hargraves.)

"This morning I do not have words to express myself because I feel as though I am in Mexico, since all the service has been in Spanish.

"I am very happy because I have the privilege to give my testimony. I thank the Lord with all my heart because the Lord has saved me. The Lord has also filled me with the Holy Ghost. As you are waiting for the second coming of the Lord, so am I waiting. Also I want to express to you my gratitude; you have given me so much I do not feel worthy of the love you have given me; it is only through the mercy of the Lord. I do not have words to express myself to you.

"Actually, we are living in some terrible times and in the times of revelation. We are seeing the fulfillment of the Word of God. There are many, many people who would like to be united and worship the Lord but they cannot. I feel this morning that it is a great privilege that the Lord is giving us of meeting here and worshiping Him. The Lord will help us to prepare more. I want to thank God because I see that there are so many of the brothers that are preparing to go to the field. It is true that they are going to encounter many trials but it is all for the love of God and lost souls who need Jesus. Day by day there are many dying. There are many

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The Church of God Orphanage

REV. F. R. HARRAWOOD, *Superintendent*

Our New Home

The home, formerly occupied by the Superintendent, on the corner of Barnes and Twenty-fourth Streets, has been refurnished and now, with Sister Candise Hayes as matron, fifteen girls are being cared for, which gives additional room at the Peoples Street Home. Several girls have already been received into this home and it will soon be filled again to its capacity.

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Playground

We received a check for one thousand dollars last week from the State of Florida to apply on the Florida park and playground, and an additional thousand dollars will be coming soon. The work is already underway and the boys will have a nice playground for their vacation next summer.

The State of Georgia is giving two thousand dollars to equip the playground at the Girls' Home. Part of the equipment has already arrived and the girls will also have a nice playground for their vacation. Thank you, Florida and Georgia.

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Orphanage Plates

There are only a few thousand of the orphanage plates left. Orders are coming in for the Easter Sunday drive. If you want some of these plates, please rush your order.

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Livestock

We have secured some registered Holstein cows for our Orphanage. These cows have been secured from the best blooded herds in the State of Tennessee; some of them coming from the University of Tennessee and the Peabody College, of Knoxville, and some from the Granberry Farms in Nashville.

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Brother and Sister Louis T. Waters have taken the place of Brother and Sister C. J. Eller at the Boys' Home, and Brother Waters will teach the boys manual arts and assist in helping them to be better prepared to earn a livelihood when they leave the Orphanage. We appreciate Brother Waters and believe he will be a blessing to the Orphanage.

Churches Having Largest Orphanage Offerings for January

Alabama	Pratt City
Arizona	E. Washington
Arkansas	Forrest City
California	Corona
Colorado	Denver
Delaware	Seaford
District of Columbia	Washington
Florida	Lakeland
Georgia	Atlanta
Idaho	Wallace
Illinois	Sesser
Indiana	Shelburn
Iowa	Davenport
Kansas	Chanute
Kentucky	Louisville
Louisiana	Dunn
Maine	West Enfield
Maryland	Baltimore
Massachusetts	Worcester
Michigan	Detroit
Minnesota	Pelican Inn
Mississippi	Richburg
Missouri	St. Louis
Montana	Bigtimber
Nebraska	Omaha
New Jersey	Penns Grove
New Mexico	Clayton
New York	Brooklyn
North Carolina	Kannapolis
North Dakota	Lignite
Ohio	Toledo
Oklahoma	Shawnee
Oregon	Silverton
Pennsylvania	Somerset
South Carolina	Greenville
South Dakota	Lemmon
Tennessee	Lenoir City
Texas	Mobeetie
Utah	Moab
Virginia	Norfolk
Washington	Wapato
West Virginia	Salem
Wisconsin	Mosinee
Wyoming	Casper

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Amount Credited in Coupon Drive

We are giving you the list of the states and the amount that was credited to them in the coupon drive. You will notice that the Carolinas lead and that South Carolina takes first place.

Alabama	$53.19
Mississippi	3.61
Virginia	127.75
West Virginia	27.22
Pennsylvania	6.91
South Carolina	517.52
Georgia	193.99
Ohio	3.27
Illinois	3.29
Florida	5.35

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HELP MAKE 1944

Opportunity Year

for the

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

Cleveland, Tennessee

All you have to do is to send us your coupons from the products listed . . . .

We can turn these coupons into cash for our work . . . in fact, to June 30, we have been offered twice the usual rate of cash for coupons from the particular products shown in the above illustration . . .

Every coupon you send will help us take advantage of the OPPORTUNITY to gain extra cash. Please send us all the coupons you can from these products.

Octagon Soap
Octagon Cleanser
Octagon Toilet Soap
Octagon Soap Powder
Octagon Soap Flakes
Octagon Granulated Soap
Rumford Baking Powder
Luzianne Coffee and Tea
Health Club Baking Powder
Ballard's Obelisk Flour
Borden's Silver Cow Evaporated Milk
Borden's "Magnolia" Sweetened Condensed Milk

REPORTS

Church at Erwin Being Blessed

ERWIN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for victory over sin. I can't praise Him enough for what He has done. I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here at the Church of God at Erwin. We had a watch service which was a very good service. Two united with the church, one of them being my husband, for which I thank God this morning. We sang, prayed, testified and heard some good preaching which was delivered by Sister Mary Quinton, Brother C. B. Donohue, and Brother Homer Johnson, which was a blessing to all. Brother W. B. Chamberlain is our pastor.

Pray for us here at Erwin, that we may do the Lord's will.—Mrs. Jettie Vanover, Rt. 1.

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Praying for an Old-Time Revival

SELMER, Tenn.—I praise God for the way He is blessing us at Piney Grove church. We have our church so we can have service in it. We surely praise the Lord. We thank Him for our pastor and his good wife, Rev. and Sister Murray; they surely have proved a great blessing to the church. Pray that God will bless and give us an old-time revival at this place.

I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and have the Holy Ghost. Pray that I will be ready when He comes or calls and that I will be a soul winner for Him.—Mrs. Esby Estes, Rt. 1.

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Having Good Prayer Meetings

BAXTER, Tenn.—Dear Saints, I am feeling good in my soul. I have the victory. Glory to God! He healed me of T.B. February 20, 1943, when I weighed ninety-five pounds; now I weigh one hundred thirty-five. Bless His name, He can do the same for you if you really trust Him, but it takes prayer and faith. I feel a call to work for the Lord. Pray for me to understand the call. I want to do what God wants me to do.

We are having good prayer meetings. Brother Riggs is our helper; he is a wonderful man of God. I believe God sent him here to win souls. Please pray for our little church. We have it floored; all we lack is ceiling and we have as good church as is on this district. We give God the glory for it all. Pray for our little prayer meetings which we have at my home on Wednesday night and at church on Saturday night. Everybody is welcome. Brother Riggs gives us good food for our souls.

My neighbors like to hear him preach. They used to be holiness fighters but my husband and I have lived straight before them and they cannot doubt it. I give God the praise for it, for when I prayed till old Satan was gone people saw what God did. It made me love my neighbors. I did not have to tell them I changed for I threw my lipstick and paint away and let my permanent grow out and I straightened up and looked and lived like a Christian. Many people want to hold to God and the world too, but God knows your heart. The Bible says, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him," 1 John 2:15. We know this is true, and I do not believe people should testify above what they live. I have lived here twenty-one years and am glad to testify for Him before my neighbors for they knew me when I served the devil and they know me now. They see what God picked up out of a trash-pile and made when He saved me. I give God the praise for it all, for He did it; I could not by myself.

Sister Harding, of Dayton, Ohio, has been visiting our prayer meeting. We all love her; she feeds our souls. I am glad I am serving a God who can help in time of trouble, glory to His name. I am glad of the Holy Ghost and have the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

Pray for me to be obedient to the Lord. His will be done. I am ready to do anything for Him, He has done so much for me. Pray for me.—Maie Lewis.

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New Church at Smithburg, Md.

On January 23 we were privileged to set a new church in order at Smithburg, Maryland, known as the Mount Pleasant church, with fifty-seven members, of as fine a people as I ever met anywhere and they are wholehearted Church of God. They have a fine orchestra and also a radio program that is heard every Saturday over station WFMD, Frederick, Maryland, from 4:30 to 5:30. We invite you to listen in and enjoy the first Church of God radio program in Maryland.

We feel that it was through the efforts of the good people at Waynesboro, Pa., that this was made possible, and we wish to give credit to Brother and Sister Brady Dennis and Brother Dave Lykens who conducted a revival there last year and, last but not least, Brother and Sister Ralph Koshewitz, who are pastoring the church at Waynesboro at present and who have worked with these good people at Smithburg.

We believe that great things will come as the result of this new church at Smithburg, Md. We ask all to pray for their success. — D. C. Boatwright, state overseer.

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Blessed in Tarrying Services

The Lord surely has been blessing the Church of God in Coconut Grove, Fla., since the General Assembly. God gave us a good consecrated pastor when He gave us Brother L. B. Hammond and his dear wife. We all love them and we will stand by them. Fifteen have been saved, nine sanctified, seven filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. Our good pastor has done a lot of improvement on the church. The choir has been remodeled and two prayer rooms built, also have new rugs for the floor. The improvement cost $400.

The Lord has been blessing in our two weeks' tarrying and praying services. We are getting under the burden for lost souls; we are praying that God will send us a mighty revival, one which will go down through the history of ages. I believe God is going to honor our fasting and praying and crying for the lost and backsliders. I cannot write in words what I feel and believe that God is going to do for us in Coconut Grove. Praise God and thank God for what He has done for us and will do. Pray for us, that we will stay on fire for God and win lost souls for Christ.—Josephine Peterson, 3225 Virginia Street, Coconut Grove 33, Fla.

Revivals of Interest

RED BOILING SPRINGS, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for a three and one-half weeks' revival that came to a close at the Church of God at Red Boiling Springs Sunday night, Decemmer 5, in which two were converted. Sister Kinnard and daughter, Sister Nova, of Twila, Ky., and Brother Isaac Putman, of Lincolnton, N. C., were in charge. Sister Kinnard gave us thoughtful messages and Brother Putman really gave some powerful messages from God's Word. Sister Nova was greatly anointed to sing specials, which was food to our souls. We appreciated having them with us. The outward appearance may not seem so great, but the interest the people showed was good, as we had good attendance through the week.—Mae Wheeler, pastor.

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GERMANTOWN, Ky.—We just closed a good revival at Germantown, Ky. God really sent us a good servant of God, Sister Lillian Kinnard, of Twila, Ky., and her daughter Velma, also her daughter, Nova Shell, and her husband helped in the singing. God was with us in a mighty way. Many messages and interpretations from God helped us more than words can tell. Praise God! God wants to do a great work here. The revival closed with a very nice Christmas program. Every child of God please pray for Germantown Church of God.—R. L. Chinn, Rt. 2, Brooksville, Ky.

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CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—In our revival of three and one-half weeks' in November, the Lord surely blessed. We had the most wonderful revival we have had in years. The Holy Ghost took charge of the services and sinners prayed through to victory. Twenty-five were saved, eleven sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, fifteen baptized in water, and eighteen added to the church. Our good pastor, Brother Leonard Newton, and Brother Messer, pastor of West Frankfort, did the preaching.—Frank D. Smith, 805 E. John St.

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.—We are glad to report a good revival here at Montgomery. The meeting was conducted by Brother and Sister Fred Litton; they surely were faithful in their work. The Word was preached in its fulness and the Lord verified His Word by greatly blessing us, by healing the sick and saving souls. Fifteen were saved, five sanctified, and the saints encouraged to go on and press the battle for God and right.

Brother and Sister Litton are called as missionaries to British Honduras and are evangelizing while waiting for their passports. While here in Montgomery they showed the pictures of their mission work in Hawaii and it was very encouraging.—J. M. Baldree, pastor.

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PONTIAC, Mich.—The Church of God of Pontiac, Mich., just closed a four weeks' revival, Rev. Walter Pettit evangelist. We enjoyed his fine messages.

Thirteen were saved, nine sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, seven baptized in water and twelve added to the church. The Lord certainly has been blessing in the Pontiac church since the Assembly. Just in our regular services thirteen have been saved, six sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and six baptized in water.

We thank the Lord for our new pastor, Rev. Brady Dennis, and wife. Our church has been encouraged to press the battle farther. Pray for us in Pontiac that the Lord will give us many more souls in the future. Since the revival there have been three saved, one sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the revival fire still burns.—Mrs. Alfred Lowe.

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BIG STONE GAP, Va.—We have just closed a three weeks' revival here with Brother and Sister J. H. Stout in charge. Eight were saved, four sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church. The Lord really blessed in each service. The church seems greatly encouraged to press on and be a greater blessing to this world. Brother and Sister Stout are real workers for the Lord, so willing to do everything in their power to help poor lost sinners to the Lord. They have their music and sing well together too. Sister Stout also plays the piano. God really blessed our efforts together here. Please pray for Big Stone Gap.—Sister Bessie Puckett, pastor.

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SALEM, S. C.—A three weeks' revival came to a close December 5 at the Salem Church of God. Sister Oliva Hunnicut did the preaching. Sister Hunnicut is a young woman just starting out in the evangelistic work. She is a real power for God and has the work at heart.

Fourteen were saved, seven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and five added to the church. The saints were encouraged and are drawn nearer to the Lord.

We thank God and the many friends who made it possible to give Sister Hunnicut an offering of more than one hundred dollars in money and pounding. Brother Milford Chandler is our pastor. We appreciate him and the good work he is doing. Pray for the revival spirit to rise higher.—Miss Ressie Smith, clerk, 104 Earle St., Walhalla, S. C.

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An Old-Time Revival

BRISTOL, Tenn.—"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory." Truly this is our testimony as we endeavor to give a brief report of the glorious three weeks' revival conducted by our pastor, Brother George Brazell. The messages were definitely inspired by the great Holy Ghost, bringing deeper consecration to the saints and conviction to the hearts of backsliders and sinners. The services were well-attended and God's presence and power wonderfully manifested. Twenty were saved, nine sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church.

We sincerely praise God for our beloved pastor and wife and the miraculous progress the work is making. Since the Assembly the church has been cleared of all debt, having paid a total sum of not less than $700, with approximately $200 in the treasury at present for further improvements. Again we praise the Lord for our greatest blessing, His sweet love and fellowship prevalent in all our efforts for Him.—Mrs. A. L. Waters, clerk.

PROPERTY RECENTLY PURCHASED FOR THE CHURCH OF GOD AT OMAHA, NEBRASKA

This picture is of a new church property in Omaha, Nebraska, where Rev. J. T. Roberts and the national evangelistic party conducted a campaign recently and where much and lasting good was accomplished. This building was owned by a Methodist group. It is located two blocks from the main street in a splendid section of the city. The building, originally costing some $35,000, was obtained at a very reasonable sum. Even though this picture was taken on a Monday night, it represents a good congregation. The side walls of the auditorium can be raised, opening into still another auditorium that greatly enlarges the seating space of this beautiful building.

The pastor, Rev. W. E. Dowdy, is doing a splendid work there. Pray that God will direct our brother and give him a most successful year in the work there. Rev. Wilma Henry is state overseer.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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souls without God and hope. And the ones who are responsible should carry the gospel as are the brothers who are preparing for the mission field.

"Do you know that in Mexico they also are praying for you that you may be able to help them? I also want to call your attention to Moses who brought His people out of Egypt. Brother Hargraves and the others want to help a people out of slavery. Pray much for them and for Mexico; not only for Mexico but also for all the world. I would like to speak to you more but my time is gone. I hope that I may have another chance soon to speak to you again."

THE BISHOP

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was Himself the High Priest and Head of the Church. The apostles were the first elders of the Church. Some form of appointment or constitution of authority of those elders, named between the times of the ordainment of the twelve and those elders who are mentioned as ordained in Acts 14:23; 15:2; Titus 1:5, 7; and elsewhere, was unquestionably made. If they were the seventy whom our Lord appointed in Luke 10:1, which doubtless they were, we also have the source of their authority mentioned in that passage; and though it is not stated that they were ordained, the word "appointed" signifies that they were "pointed out" and brought into view as "other" than the twelve. The calling of the twelve and seventy leaves little doubt that Jesus had in mind some form of Church tribunal equivalent to the Jewish Sanhedrin, and most commentaries agree that this is correct. Such a view is further borne out by the fact that the "twelve" are always, in the early chapters of Acts, mentioned along with the elders.

OBITUARIES

WATKINS

Pvt. Lloyd W. Watkins, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Watkins, of Easley, S. C., died December 3, 1943, of wounds received in service; age twenty-one years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Seneca, S. C. He leaves a host of friends who mourn his passing.—His pastor, G. F. Carter, Seneca, S. C.

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NICHOLS

Brother Frank Nichols, a faithful member of the Church of God at Greer, S. C., departed this life February 5, 1944; age twenty-five years and one month. He was a patient at the Veterans Hospital, Columbia, S. C., having served in the army for a while and was given a medical discharge on account of ill health. He suffered so much yet he didn't complain. He said before passing he was going home and slipped away to be with Jesus.—G. W. Cooper, pastor.

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McQUAY

Sister Flora McQuay, a faithful member and good worker of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus February 21, 1944. She was nearing her fifty-seventh birthday. — Daisy Calhoun, clerk, Moultrie, Ga.

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WILKINS

Little Josephine Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wilkins, went to be with Jesus February 19, 1944.—Mrs. Lutie Barnes, Ruskin, Fla.

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WEBB

Our little darling son, David, went to live with Jesus February 5, 1944; age eleven years, three months and eighteen days.—His father and mother, Rev. and Mrs. George Webb, Highlands, N. C.

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BOATNER

Sister Lottie Boatner, a member of the Church of God, went to be with Jesus February 1, 1944; age eighty-two years.—Sister Jett Breland, McLain, Miss.

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MEYER

On February 5, 1944, Fred Meyer, Sr., went to be with the Lord; age sixty-nine years. He was a faithful member of the Church of God at Dunseith, N. Dak.—His pastor, Arnold H. Folden, Willow City, N. Dak.

BUCKNER

Sister Laura Buckner, a faithful member of the Church of God at Tulare, Calif., departed this life February 4, 1944; age fifty-two years.—Her pastor, B. A. Ratchford, Tulare, Calif.

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ANSIEL

Sister Betty Lou Ansiel went to be with Jesus December 30, 1943; age sixteen years.—B. A. Ratchford.

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SANTUS

Sister Harriett Santus, a faithful member of the Church of God at Shelburn, Ind., for the past twenty years, went to be with Jesus December 29, 1943. Her life was a shining light to her family and neighbors.—Her pastor, C. H. Standifer, Shelburn, Ind.

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FOUNTAIN

Samuel C. Fountain went to be with Jesus January 10, 1944; age seventy-five years. He was a member of the Church of God at Iowa Park, Texas.—J. T. Melton, Box 631, Iowa Park, Tex.

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NICHOLSON

Sister Nora Nicholson, a loyal member of the Church of God for many years, went to be with Jesus January 14, 1944; age fifty-seven years. The day before she passed on she raised her hands to heaven and praised the Lord.—Katherine Payton, clerk, Coalmont, Ind.

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COTTER

Mrs. Lydia D. Cotter wife of S. W. Cotter, Turtletown, Tenn., a faithful member of the Church of God, fell asleep in Jesus January 28, 1944; age eighty-five years, seven months and twenty-eight days. She had a welcome and open door and untiring efforts caring for ministers and workers who passed that way.—A bereaved daughter, Mrs. Donnie Plake, Turtletown, Tenn.

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Theodre Lightborne, a member of the Church of God at Whitby, Turks Island, B. W. I., age 98, departed this life the seventeenth day of January, 1944.

His last words were, "It is well with my soul." His funeral was conducted by the writer. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife and children. His remains were laid in the Whitby Cemetery to await the coming of Christ at the last day.—A. W. Rigby, Assistant overseer of Turks Island.

STATE CONVENTION DATES

March 24-26—California, Nevada
March 31-April 2—Arizona
April 6-9—District of Columbia
April 25-30—Mexico City
April 28-30—Oregon-Washington, Connecticut-Rhode Island
May 5-7—North Mexico, Idaho, New York
May 7-14—Colored Assembly
May 12-14—Montana
May 18-21—Indiana, Minnesota-Wisconsin, Wyoming
May 26-28—Mississippi, Colorado, Utah
June 1- 4—South Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico
June 9-11—Arkansas, Missouri
June 13-15—Florida (Camp 13-22)
June 15-18—Georgia, Virginia
June 22-25—North Carolina, Ohio, West Canada
June 29-July 2—Tennessee
June 30-July 2—Kansas-Nebraska, North and South Dakota
July 6-9—Michigan, Oklahoma, Iowa
July 13-16—West Virginia, Texas, Illinois
July 18-23—Kentucky, Pennsylvania
July 28-30—Alabama, New Jersey, New England States
August 3-6—Delaware, Maryland

Church of God Orphanage

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Louisiana	4.84
Wisconsin	4.26
Arkansas	3.39
Michigan	3.42
Texas	4.32
Tennessee	13.33
Kentucky	57.78
Arizona	3.25
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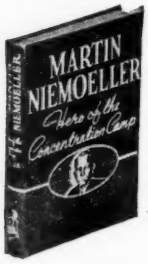

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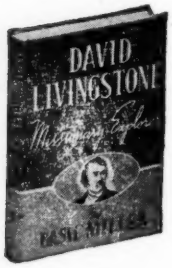

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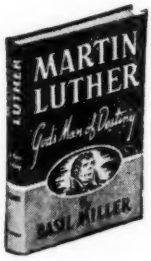

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